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COLD STORAGE REPORT

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Cold storage stocks of fruits and vegetables, with the exception of apples, were reduced moderately during November, according to the regular report issued by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics showing cold storage holdings as of December 1, 1938. Stocks of apples in cold storage on December 1 were reported to be 3 percent larger than on November 1 and about 13 percent less than those of a year ago but nearly 3 percent above the 5-year (1933-37) average for December.

The quantity of creamery butter moving out of storage during November was greater than the usual movement for that month. December 1 stocks, however, were 140 percent above those of December 1, 1937, and 78 percent above the 5-year average for December 1. Stocks of American cheese were reduced by nearly 5 percent during the month and on December 1 were in excess of those of a year earlier by 17 percent and larger than the 5-year average by about the same percentage.

Stocks of shell eggs were the lowest of record for this time of year with one exception - that of December 1, 1932. They were 46 percent less than on December 1 a year ago and 41 percent less than the 5-year average. Frozen egg meat stocks were also reduced to a level below average. They were 35 percent below those of December 1 last year and nearly 6 percent below the 5-year average. The total case equivalent of both shell and frozen egg stocks was 40 percent below a year ago and 24 percent below the 5-year average.

Total stocks of frozen poultry were seasonally increased by 52 percent. While there was a slight increase in total stocks of frozen and cured meats, holdings continued to be very low, the December 1 figures again showing the lowest stocks on record for this date.

Stocks of lard were increased slightly. And though they were more than double those of a year ago, they were still below the 5-year average.

Figures for the various commodities covered in this report do not represent total storage holdings nor do they necessarily include the entire quantities carried under refrigeration. They are periodically reported holdings of cold storage warehouses which, for purposes of this report, are defined as places "artificially cooled to a temperature of 45° Fahrenheit or below, in which food commodities are stored and held for 30 days or more". This automatically excludes quantities held in other locations and under different conditions, such as floor stocks, or what are generally known as current trading stocks, held in dealers' distributing plants or packers' branch houses.

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F R U I T S

## FRESH

Holdings of apples in cold storage on December 1 were the equivalent of 31,271,000 bushels. This quantity is 4,783,000 bushels below stocks on December 1 a year ago but 930,000 bushels above the December 1 average for the 5 years 1933-37.

Total holdings of all varieties of pears (largely winter pears) were 2,294,000 boxes and bushel baskets. A year ago this date there were 1,754,000 and for the 5-year average 1,454,000 boxes and baskets.

"QUICK-FREEZE PROCESSED" AND "COLD PACKED AND PRESERVED"

The segregation of "quick-freeze" and "cold-packed" fruits is still in an experimental stage and, therefore, it is necessary to combine totals of both methods of "pack" in making comparisons.

Total stocks of frozen fruits on hand December 1, 1938, were 136,657,000 pounds, which compares with 143,848,000 a month earlier - a reduction of 7,191,000 pounds during November. Of the total December 1 stocks, 31,701,000 pounds were unclassified as to variety.

"QUICK-FREEZE" VEGETABLES

Stocks of frozen vegetables were reduced during November by 2,632,000 pounds. December 1 stocks were 68,759,000 as compared with 32,503,000 pounds for December 1, 1937.

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Contents of December 1 Cold Storage Report

Separate tables appearing in this report show United States stocks on hand on December 1, this year compared with previous periods, for the following groups of commodities:

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Dairy and Poultry Products, page 4;

Meats (cured and frozen) and Lard, page 5.

Special tables of cold storage holdings, by States or geographic divisions of the country, are included for apples and pears (page 8); cherries and strawberries (page 7); cream, butter, American cheese, eggs and poultry (page 6); and frozen poultry, by classes, (page 7).



Commodity	Dec. 1, 5-yr. av. 1933-37	Dec. 1, 1937	Nov. 1, 1938	Dec. 1, 1938
- Thousands -				
<u>FRUITS</u>				
Apples.....barrels.....	686	483	383	321
Apples .....western boxes	15,821	15,878	12,887	15,273
Apples.....bushels <u>1/</u> ..	12,463	18,727	16,234	15,035
TOTAL APPLES.....bushels.....	30,341	36,054	30,270	31,271
Pears, Bartletts.....packed boxes.		37	32	18
Pears, Bartletts.....loose boxes..		40	100	22
Pears, all others.....boxes.....	1,385	1,632	2,995	2,140
Pears.....baskets.....	69	45	167	114
<u>QUICK FREEZE PROCESSED</u>				
Blackberries.....pounds.....			658	385
Blueberries....." .....	This is a new series. His- torical data for these items are not avail- able.		1,090	1,177
Cherries <u>2/</u> ....." .....			2,343	1,954
Logan and similar berries....." .....			1,003	790
Raspberries....." .....			3,118	1,337
Strawberries <u>2/</u> ....." .....			12,122	10,992
Other fruits....." .....			6,315	6,067
Classification not reported.. " .....			1,294	1,375
TOTAL QUICK FREEZE. " .....			27,943	24,077
<u>COLD PACKED AND PRESERVED</u>				
Blackberries.....pounds.....			4,353	3,945
Blueberries....." .....		6,782	4,572	4,220
Cherries <u>2/</u> ....." .....	See Foot- note <u>3/</u>	23,832	21,454	19,628
Logan and similar berries....." .....			2,629	2,676
Raspberries....." .....			8,974	9,290
Strawberries <u>2/</u> ....." .....		31,697	27,710	26,381
Other fruits....." .....		<u>3/</u> 70,247	16,637	16,114
Classification not reported.. " .....			29,576	30,326
TOTAL COLD PACK....." .....	84,104	132,558	115,905	112,580
<u>VEGETABLES</u>				
<u>QUICK FREEZE PROCESSED</u>				
Asparagus.....pounds.....			4,038	3,946
Beans, Lima....." .....		6,352	14,388	13,819
Beans, snap....." .....	See Foot- note <u>3/</u>	1,997	5,693	5,569
Broccoli, green....." .....			917	1,073
Corn, sweet....." .....		2,385	6,813	6,696
Peas, green....." .....		10,289	24,155	23,341
Spinach....." .....		3,189	2,694	3,570
Other vegetables....." .....	<u>3/</u>	8,291	2,919	2,699
Classification not reported.. " .....			9,774	8,046
TOTAL QUICK FREEZE. " .....		32,503	71,391	68,759

1/ Includes baskets and Eastern boxes or crates.

2/ Tables showing, by geographic divisions, the quantities of "quick-freeze" and "cold-pack" cherries, and strawberries, in cold storage will be found on page 7.

3/ Data for periods prior to July 1, 1938, are not fully comparable with present reports, which are based upon a more detailed segregation.

Stocks of creamery butter decreased during November by 35,413,000 pounds. The average out-of-storage movement for the month in the past 5 years has been 29,907,000, and the out-movement a year ago was 32,433,000 pounds. December 1 stocks exceeded those of a year ago by 92,681,000 pounds and the 5-year average for December 1 by 69,631,000.

The Dairy Products Marketing Association holdings on December 1 were 97,882,000 pounds. There were also Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation purchases (from BPMA) of 260,000 pounds still in storage and 8,002,000 pounds held by various states for relief distribution. The total of 8,262,000 pounds in the latter classification is not subject to resale.

Stocks of American cheese held in cold storage on December 1 totaled 109,868,000 pounds, a decrease of 5,483,000 pounds from November 1. Holdings were 16,235,000 pounds heavier than on December 1, 1937, and 16,397,000 above the 5-year average.

The net out-of-storage movement of shell eggs during November was 1,803,000 cases, and December 1 stocks of 1,441,000 cases were the lowest on record for this date with the exception of 1933, when only 1,199,000 cases were in storage. There were 1,231,000 fewer cases on hand than on December 1 last year and 996,000 less than the 5-year average.

Stocks of frozen egg meats also have been reduced to below average. The 78,116,000 pounds on hand December 1 were 42,813,000 pounds below December 1 last year and 4,823,000 pounds below the 5-year average. The season of into-storage movement of frozen poultry continued during November with an increase in stocks of 40,145,000 pounds of all varieties of this commodity. December 1 stocks exceeded those of December 1 last year by 9,091,000 pounds and the 5-year average by 9,635,000 pounds.

Commodity	Dec. 1, 5-yr. av. 1933-37	Dec. 1, 1937	Nov. 1, 1938	Dec. 1, 1938
<b>CREAM</b>		- Thousands -		
Forty percent.....40-qt. cans	127	33	305	241
Twenty percent....." "	5	1	5	3
<b>BUTTER</b>				
Creamery.....pounds.....	89,241	66,191	194,285	1/ 158,872
Packing stock....." .....		151	339	280
<b>CHEESE</b>				
American....." .....	93,471	93,633	115,351	109,868
Swiss including block....." .....	5,593	4,761	5,622	6,111
Brick and Munster....." .....	781	657	455	493
Limburger....." .....	1,022	760	948	964
All other varieties....." .....	6,502	8,686	9,950	10,163
TOTAL CHEESE....." .....	107,369	108,497	132,326	127,599
<b>EGGS</b>				
Shell.....cases.....	2,437	2,672	3,244	1,441
Frozen.....pounds.....	82,939	120,929	94,305	78,116
Frozen, case equivalent 2/...cases.....	2,370	3,455	2,694	2,232
TOTAL EGGS, case equiv. 3/ " .....	4,807	6,127	5,938	3,673
<b>FROZEN POULTRY 4/</b>				
Broilers.....pounds.....	16,776	9,963	10,759	11,462
Fryers....." .....	12,352	10,234	7,283	12,526
Roasters....." .....	24,135	21,624	15,253	25,727
Fowls....." .....	18,807	19,919	12,943	18,466
Turkeys....." .....	12,668	19,695	3,899	17,902
Ducks....." .....	5,121	7,821	10,780	9,294
Miscellaneous poultry....." .....	18,343	19,490	16,775	22,460
TOTAL FROZEN POULTRY....." .....	108,202	108,746	77,692	117,837

1/ Includes the following: 97,882,000 pounds of creamery butter held by the Dairy Products Marketing Association for resale or relief purposes, (Chicago 55,490,000 pounds; New York Metropolitan area 37,244,000; Pacific Coast 2,700,000; other areas 2,448,000 pounds); 260,000 pounds sold by DPMA to FSCC, still in storage and not subject to resale; and 8,002,000 pounds held by various states for relief distribution. Any quantities held in New York City storages for municipal relief distribution are not included. (See November 14, 1938, release for similar report on November 1 holdings.)

2/ Frozen eggs are converted on the basis of 35 pounds to the case.

3/ SPECIAL NOTE: 85 percent of the total frozen eggs reported as of December 1, 1938, were classified as follows: Whites - 30 percent; Yolks - 17 percent; and Mixed - 53 percent.

4/ A breakdown of frozen poultry items by geographic divisions will be found on page 7.



MEATS AND LARD

Frozen and cured beef holdings increased during November by 11,544,000 pounds. December 1 stocks of 52,762,000 pounds were 979,000 pounds less than on December 1, 1937, and 46,366,000 below the December 1 average (1933-37).

Total stocks of frozen and cured pork increased during November by 44,955,000 pounds, which brought December 1 stocks to 296,600,000 pounds. This quantity was approximately 10,000,000 pounds less than on December 1 last year and 128,322,000 pounds less than the 5-year average. Stocks of all frozen and cured meats, totaling 406,179,000 pounds, were approximately 7,000,000 less than on December 1 last year and 197,000,000 pounds less than the 5-year average.

Lard stocks were increased by 4,614,000 pounds. December 1 holdings of 72,281,000 pounds exceeded those of December 1 last year by 38,315,000 pounds but were smaller than the 5-year average by 7,827,000 pounds.

Commodity	Dec. 1, 5-yr. av. 1933-37	Dec. 1, 1937	Nov. 1, 1938	Dec. 1, 1938
- Thousand pounds -				
<u>BEEF</u>				
Frozen .....	78,076	41,179	28,019	37,732
In process of cure .....	16,125	9,514	10,570	12,004
Cured .....	4,927	3,048	2,629	3,026
TOTAL BEEF .....	99,128	53,741	41,218	52,762
<u>PORK</u>				
Frozen .....	97,202	64,996	51,540	72,689
Dry salt in process of cure .....	29,836	25,150	21,102	22,978
Dry salt cured .....	19,727	13,359	13,799	12,065
Pickled in process of cure .....	168,820	131,372	109,332	125,090
Pickled cured .....	109,337	71,753	55,872	63,778
TOTAL PORK .....	424,922	306,630	251,645	296,600
<u>LAMB AND MUTTON</u>				
Frozen .....	4,194	2,286	2,606	3,073
<u>TRIMMINGS AND EDIBLE OFFAL</u>				
Frozen and cured .....	75,103	50,546	50,268	53,744
TOTAL MEATS .....	603,347	413,203	345,737	406,179
<u>LARD</u> .....	80,108	33,966	67,667	72,281

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COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS, DECEMBER 1, 1938

By States, for Specified Commodities

State	Cream (40-qt. cans)	Butter Lbs.	American cheese Lbs.	Eggs Cases	Frozen eggs Lbs.	Total poultry Lbs.
- Thousands -						
Massachusetts .....	9	4,287	3,179	12	1,600	6,316
Other States .....		1,549	565	6	728	738
NEW ENGLAND .....		5,836	3,744	18	2,328	7,054
New York .....	170	15,679	13,617	78	7,688	26,403
New Jersey .....	8	31,277	4,850	148	8,908	11,755
Pennsylvania .....	15	2,508	2,175	38	6,109	4,129
MIDDLE ATLANTIC ..		49,464	20,642	264	22,705	42,287
Ohio .....	7	4,052	836	76	2,341	1,918
Indiana .....		695	159	6	795	2,176
Illinois .....	3	70,907	8,740	702	10,510	24,044
Michigan .....	2	1,590	1,530	19	932	1,843
Wisconsin .....	15	940	56,472	48	609	1,022
EAST N. CENTRAL ..		78,184	67,737	851	15,187	31,003
Minnesota .....	1	8,160	755	23	1,396	5,064
Iowa .....		893	38	12	2,096	4,914
Missouri .....	1	2,503	1,167	96	11,394	9,015
Nebraska .....		2,878	531	12	2,228	7,264
Kansas .....		700	281	30	2,995	1,683
Dakotas .....		556	-	-	-	27
WEST N. CENTRAL ..		15,690	2,772	173	20,109	27,967
SOUTH ATLANTIC ...		1,847	2,850	27	2,094	1,973
Kentucky .....		365	340	4	1,288	654
Tennessee .....		965	611	34	1,454	650
Alabama & Mississippi		240	444	5	344	108
EAST S. CENTRAL ..		1,570	1,395	43	3,086	1,412
Oklahoma .....		401	205	3	2,727	119
Texas .....		297	1,726	16	5,336	422
Arkansas & Louisiana		113	72	1	1,485	198
WEST S. CENTRAL ..		811	2,003	20	9,548	739
Colorado .....		336	864	10	321	249
Other States .....		145	1,290	-	55	362
MOUNTAIN .....		481	2,154	10	376	611
Washington .....		1,827	695	3	435	1,662
Oregon .....		142	1,038	1	113	420
California .....		3,020	4,838	31	2,135	2,709
PACIFIC .....		4,989	6,571	35	2,683	4,791
Other States, combined for cream only .....	12					
UNITED STATES ...	243	158,872	109,868	1,441	78,116	117,837



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FROZEN POULTRY IN COLD STORAGE, BY GEOGRAPHIC DIVISIONS  
Classified by Varieties

Geographic division	December 1, 1938						
	Broilers	Fryers	Roasters	Fowls	Turkeys	Ducks	Miscellaneous
	- 1,000 pounds -						
New England.....	431	427	2,102	789	2,340	723	242
Middle Atlantic....	2,633	1,971	10,143	4,826	7,906	6,404	8,404
East North Central..	2,854	6,457	6,648	6,456	2,914	1,435	4,239
West North Central..	4,234	3,060	6,060	4,890	1,372	181	8,170
South Atlantic.....	110	65	220	200	785	273	320
East South Central..	275	219	119	318	204	30	247
West South Central..	30	25	25	265	278	10	106
Mountain.....	222	68	9	30	210	8	64
Pacific.....	673	234	401	692	1,893	230	668
UNITED STATES....	11,462	12,526	25,727	18,466	17,902	9,294	22,460

CHERRIES IN COLD STORAGE <sup>1/</sup>

Geographic division	December 1, 1938		December 1, 1937
	Quick Freeze	Cold Pack	Quick Freeze and Cold Pack
	- 1,000 pounds -		
New England.....	47	224	393
Middle Atlantic.....	1,381	11,996	12,911
East North Central.....	205	4,917	7,735
West North Central.....	16	974	859
Pacific.....	202	907	1,282
All other divisions.....	103	610	652
UNITED STATES.....	1,954	19,628	23,832

STRAWBERRIES IN COLD STORAGE <sup>1/</sup>

Geographic division	December 1, 1938		December 1, 1937
	Quick Freeze	Cold Pack	Quick Freeze and Cold Pack
	- 1,000 pounds -		
New England.....	524	2,150	2,677
Middle Atlantic.....	2,509	4,680	7,845
East North Central.....	1,348	3,152	5,683
West North Central.....	169	1,976	2,376
South Atlantic.....	1,230	1,730	5,141
Pacific.....	5,027	11,154	7,014
All other divisions.....	185	1,539	961
UNITED STATES.....	10,992	26,381	31,697

<sup>1/</sup> Segregation of "quick freeze" and "cold pack" not reported prior to July 1, 1938.

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APPLE AND PEAR HOLDINGS IN COLD STORAGE

APPLES

State	December 1, 1938				December 1, 1937
	Barrels	Western boxes	Baskets	Total bushels	Total bushels
	- Thousands -				
Vermont.....	-	-	59	59	192
Massachusetts.....	-	6	343	349	662
New York.....	22	16	5,312	5,394	5,822
New Jersey.....	-	19	939	958	1,044
Pennsylvania.....	26	90	1,548	1,716	1,791
Ohio.....	-	36	392	428	820
Indiana.....	-	22	174	196	382
Illinois.....	-	67	700	767	1,412
Michigan.....	-	2	1,001	1,003	988
Wisconsin.....	-	19	89	108	185
Minnesota.....	-	103	9	112	145
Missouri.....	-	74	396	470	1,099
Virginia.....	248	39	2,552	3,335	4,236
West Virginia.....	11	3	477	513	712
Texas.....	-	138	-	138	111
Washington.....	-	11,062	-	11,062	11,883
Oregon.....	-	1,150	-	1,150	1,010
California.....	-	1,840	-	1,840	1,826
Other States.....	14	587	1,044	1,673	1,734
UNITED STATES...	321	15,273	15,035	31,271	36,054

PEARS

State	December 1, 1938	December 1, 1937
	Boxes and bushel baskets	Boxes and bushel baskets
	- Thousands -	
New York.....	130	76
New Jersey.....	38	86
Pennsylvania.....	22	32
Illinois.....	18	44
Washington.....	449	447
Oregon.....	1,289	856
California.....	288	140
Other States.....	60	73
UNITED STATES.....	2,294	1,754